

## **MONTAGUE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**

**Wednesday, February 16, 2011 –5:30 pm – Downstairs Meeting Room - Town Hall, One Avenue A,  
Turners Falls, MA**

### Meeting Minutes

**Present:** Chris Boutwell, Jay DiPucchio, Michael Nelson - Chair, Gina McNeely, Director Board of Health and Anne E.H. Stuart

### Directors Report December 2010:

- **Bob Trombly** at the Waste Water Treatment Plant has a current list of Pumpers and Haulers that renewed their licenses in 2011.
- Emergency housing inspections:
  - G Street
  - Montague City Rd – Roof Leak
- 18 Central Street – went to Housing Court and was able to collect \$250.00 in fines.
- Computer  
Gina's access database crashed and was without a computer for over a week. It is up and running at this point in time.
- Newspaper Interviews –
  - Did an interview regarding the Regionalization of Public Health
  - Did an interview regarding the Pooper/Scooper regulations
- **Attorneys General Office RE: Receivership** – Gina met with Attorney William O'Neil, Paul Heithaus both from the AGO's Office and Joanie Bernstein from the Franklin County Regional Housing and Redevelopment Authority to look at 41 and 38 East Main Street and discuss the possibility of FCHRA acting as a receiver. We also conducted onsite inspections of the exterior of both buildings.
- **3 Wolcott Street Lake Pleasant** – There has been no progress at that location. Individuals have relocated.

*Jay DiPucchio motioned to accept the Directors report for the month of January 2011. This was seconded by Chris Boutwell. All accepted*

### Meeting Minutes:

- January Meeting Minutes approved.

*Jay DiPucchio motioned to accept the January Meeting Minutes. This was seconded by Chris Boutwell. All accepted*

### Mike Hastings Turners Falls Rod and Gun Club:

- Variance request from 105 CMR 590.009(G)(3) and FC-8-103 (1999 Federal Food Code), pursuant to 590.010 (H)

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The BOH had a wide discussion on this matter in regards to the allergen training issue for the Turners Falls Rod and Gun Club. Mike went through extensive ServSafe training along with another member of the club. This training is extensive and has an exam. He felt that the course covers and educates individuals more extensively than a 30 minute video with no exam or accountability for an additional charge of \$10. Why? It seems redundant and just another way to make money from individuals that basically have already gone through a mandatory training. Jay agreed and saw Mike's side but did not feel the town should carry the liability for the club. Gina had called the State Dept of Public Health and was told it will be the sole responsibility of the local Boards of Health to enforce the allergen certification. The BOH made no decision for a variance. It was suggested that Mike Hastings check with the club to see if they come under Non-Profit 501 c3 status. If so, the allergen training is not required. *At 6:45 PM on February 16, 2011 Mike Hastings informed us by phone that the club is a 501 c3. No allergen training will be needed.*

**2011-2012 Flu Season:**

- Shortage of money for vaccines.

The State of Massachusetts has cut the amount of state supplied free vaccine it will give to local boards of health. MDPH is also saying we must immunize children first. The flu vaccine costs about .83 each. We see a lot of elderly folks. To make up for a shortage it was suggested that we 1) ask the Senior Center to help pay, 2) Utilize money in the nurse donation fund, 3) Put a warrant on Town Meeting to come up with the approximate \$400.00 needed to purchase vaccine for our elders.

**Gina's Vacation:**

- Gina's Vacation (Feb 24-Mar7)
- She needs to update contact list to be used in her absence. Distribute to the BOH and Anne.

*Jay DiPucchio motioned to Gina's vacation request for Feb 24-Mar 7). This was seconded by Chris Boutwell. All accepted*

**Other Business:**

- Change the May meeting date to May 25, 2011
- The Mt. Tom Tobacco Control Program which currently serves the towns of Easthampton, Hatfield, Holyoke, Granby, Northampton, South Hadley and Southampton is inviting the town of Montague to join their coalition. Michael Nelson passed out a description of the services that would be provided to Montague if the MTTCP receives the grant it is applying for.

**Topics not anticipated covered in the 48 hour posting requirements:**

- Not Applicable

*Jay DiPucchio motioned to adjourn at 6:20PM and Chris Boutwell seconded the motion.*

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*Meeting Agenda Subject to Change\*\*\*

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